

SAFETY ALERT 05-10 Dirt Bike Accident



On 17 July 2005 at approximately 1500 hours a Fort Leonard Wood Soldier suffered an accident while riding his new dirt bike in the vicinity of Rolla, Missouri. The soldier's reported injuries are: three fractured ribs, a punctured lung and a severe concussion. Another Fort Leonard Wood Soldier suffered fatal injuries in a dirt bike accident in November of 2004.

- Military personnel operating Off Road Vehicles (ATV, Dirt Bikes) must wear the same personal protective equipment as personnel riding street bikes and must successfully complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or equivalent program (FLW Reg. 190-5, Para 2-7 (5)).
- Recommend the addition of shin guards, chest armor, padded gloves and dirt bike type boots when riding off road.
- Become familiar with your machine before heading into known or unknown terrain, since each machine handles differently.
- Operators of Off Road Vehicles (ATV, Dirt Bikes) should attend an approved rider or operator safety course.

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